

BIG FIGHT IN THE NINTH

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Republicans Playing With Fire. Schley Incident May Have Aftermath.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 13.—Mr. E. T. Ellyson was here yesterday afternoon and left last night for the Southwest. He will spend some time in the Ninth District, studying conditions there, after which he will lay plans for the campaign, and for the undoing of Representative Slomp, who is trying to return to Congress.

Mr. Ellyson spent some time in conference with Mr. Cowherd, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, relative to the fight in the Ninth. He received the assurance of the chairman that all possible assistance would be rendered. Mr. Ellyson is confident, of course, that nine Democratic members of Congress will be returned from Virginia this fall, but he is not so sure that the Democrats will succeed in carrying the Ninth District. He will know more about that after he has been over the field, and discussed the situation with the men who are leading the fight in that district. It may be set down as certain that if Mr. Ellyson says, after a study of the situation on there, that the Democrats will succeed in carrying the Ninth District, that will be a proper effort to be made. Mr. Slomp will not stand a decent chance of being returned.

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Senator Daniel was at Democratic headquarters for some time today. He had a long talk with Mr. Cowherd. In addition to making many speeches in Virginia this year, Senator Daniel will also speak in other States, probably in New York and Indiana. Senator Martin will not be able to spend as much time in Virginia, during the campaign as he had planned, before being elected a member of the National Executive Committee. He said a few days prior to his election that he expected to spend throughout the State this fall, but since he has been elected a member of the committee he has been requested to spend the most of his time in New York at headquarters, looking after the campaign. This will take him out of the Virginia campaign if he yields to the request. It is hardly likely that the senator will consent to make any arrangements which will take him away from Virginia for any very considerable portion of the time between the first of September and the day of election.

Will Carry West Virginia.

Hon. John T. McGraw, chairman of the Democratic Committee of West Virginia, is confident that the Democrats will carry West Virginia this fall, he said. "The party there is in fine shape and is eager for a chance to drive the Republicans from power. They will do it." Mr. McGraw is certain that the State will elect a Democratic Governor. Senator Cornwell, the Democratic candidate, is a man of great magnetism, and the voters are rallying to him in a way that has surprised even his warmest friends. The Democrats of West Virginia are becoming convinced that their State is the pivotal one. It is believed by many of those nearest the scene that the Democrats will carry the State, and that if the State gives its electoral vote to Judge Parker, the country will elect him. Influences which would make the State Democratic would make the country Republican, and vice versa.

Fears for Indiana.

I have it from the best possible source that nearly every Republican leader with the sole exception of Mr. Roosevelt, is fearful of the result in Indiana. Mr. Roosevelt steadfastly refuses to believe that the State will give a Democratic majority this year. He has a host of those nearest the scene who will not see why Indiana should reverse the majority which it gave Mr. McKinley and himself in 1900. Politicians, if nothing else, forbade the President's auditors telling him the reason.

Playing With Fire.

The Republican Congressional Committee is playing with fire. It has had printed, chiefly for circulation in manufacturing States, extracts from a speech in Congress by Hon. William Bourke Cockran on the 23d of last April, in which he denounced the protective tariff system as the fountain of all corruption in our government. The speech was the ablest which has been uttered in the House of Representatives in very many years and caused the Democrats to be wrought up to a plane of enthusiasm they had not reached since the election of Grover Cleveland the first time, and from which they have not yet descended.

County Schools to Open.

The county school session will open as follows: Fairfax and Loudoun, September 12th; Brookland and Tuckahoe, September 13th; Loudoun and Fairfax, September 14th. The school board met yesterday and transacted a lot of routine business. A committee was appointed to examine the various school accounts. The Christmas holidays will run from December 24th to January 1st.

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country, the consumers and employees will be to vote the Republican ticket by any such reading as that. Among the delegates to the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis was Mr. Askew, of Alaska. He was also a member of the committee to notify Judge Parker of his nomination. Mr. Askew was born in Pennsylvania. His father was a Republican, and when he reached the age of twenty-one he voted with his father. He was an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Blaine for president, and he was one of the first to hear him make a speech. Mr. Blaine devoted the greater portion of his speech to a discussion of the tariff, advocating protection for American industries, of course, and Mr. Askew gave him the closest attention. But while on his way back to Pennsylvania after the speaking, Mr. Askew, riding through the Hocking Valley, observed that thousands of men were idle, furnaces were shut down, coal mines were closed and there was a general air of hard times. He began a close study of the tariff question after he got home. The result was that he cast his vote for Grover Cleveland, and has ever since been a Democrat. That speech of Bourke Cockran's is going to inoculate more voters with the virus of free trade or a strictly revenue tariff than it will make advocates of a protective tariff.

The Schley Incident.

People who were not in close touch with the political situation expected that the publication in the Saturday Evening Post of this week of an article by Admiral Schley on the battle of Santiago, in which he excoriated his superiors for their course towards him in trying to place the credit of the victory where it did not belong, would provoke action on the part of President Roosevelt, who was a strong partisan of Admiral Sampson. But politicians never expected the President to say a word about the publication. He probably expressed himself freely about the matter in private, but he is too good a politician to allow himself to be drawn into a revival of the Sampson-Schley controversy on the eve of the election. The American people have shown in times past that they look upon Schley as the hero of Santiago, despite the predictions of a clique headed by Mr. Roosevelt. Admiral Schley is a Maryland Democrat, and the Democrats of the State are flooding every congressional district with copies of the magazine containing his attack upon the administration and its representatives. It was suggested to-day by an old naval officer that the President, if he had the Schley court-martialed after the election, which is worthy of consideration.

For the Summer Rest.

One of the most practical philanthropic movements of Richmond is the known as the Summer Rest, an institution which accomplishes much for women who earn their own livings. The Summer Rest is a delightful country boarding place near Groveton, Albemarle county, on the slope of the Blue Ridge. This excellent institution is open from July 1st to October 1st annually to women who work for their own support, and a charge of but two dollars a week is made for board there. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway has made a great reduction in rate for visitors to the Summer Rest, enabling young women to spend two weeks there for just \$2.50. Persons who desire to send contributions for the Summer Rest have been requested to send them to Miss Henrietta Kracke, care of Cordes & Mosby, Richmond.

Feast of the Assumption.

To-morrow special services will be held in all the Catholic Churches to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. As the Assumption falls on Monday, the customary services were held yesterday. The Assumption is a feast day in the Roman Catholic, Greek and Oriental Churches.

Picnic at Oak Grove.

St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold a picnic at Oak Grove on Wednesday of next week.

WILL LEAD THE FIGHT IN WEST VIRGINIA

Democratic Candidate for Governor is Well Known Young Lawyer and Editor of Romney—An Eloquent Speaker and a Hard Fighter.

The Democratic nominee for Governor of West Virginia is State Senator John J. Cornwell, editor of the Hampshire Review and a leading lawyer of Romney, where he lives.

Born in Ritchie county, some 25 years ago, the son of a Confederate soldier, he was reared in Hampshire and educated in the common and high schools of Jefferson county, being an alumnus of Shepherd College. He studied law at Romney and was about fifteen years ago admitted to the bar and began active practice. As editor of the Review he has from the first taken an active interest in politics, and in 1898 was elected to the House of Delegates. In 1902 he was elected to the Senate from the old Thirtieth district, and when the districts were changed was re-elected from the present Fifteenth district. He is a native son of the State, and a native son of the State, and a native son of the State.

Mr. Cornwell married Miss Brady, of Hampshire, and they have two interesting children.

The candidate for Governor is tall and active, with a strong face and bright eyes that twinkle with good humor. He

this week. Great preparations have been made for the success of the event. The ladies of St. Anne's Society will have charge of the restaurant, and the young ladies of the Sodality will have charge of the refreshment booths.

Big Shooting Tournament.

The Virginia Trap Shooters' Association will hold their annual trap shooting contest here next Monday. The tournament will be held at the Deep Run traps. The committee in charge of the affair consists of Messrs. H. S. Hawes, W. S. Boyd, W. A. Hammond and James W. Youngs. All the Richmond clubs will join in the affair. There will be a large attendance from all over this State and North Carolina.

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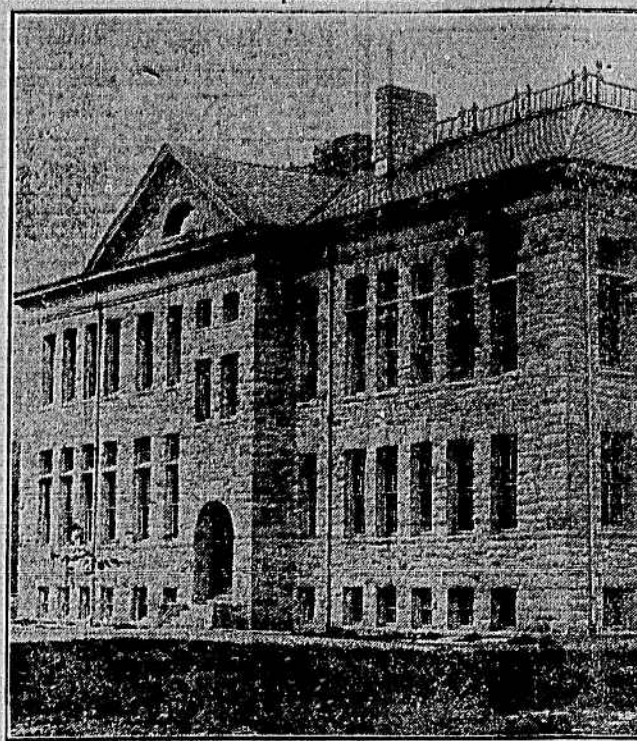
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NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

Nowhere in Virginia is there greater enthusiasm for popular education than in the mining town of Big Stone Gap, tucked away in the Alleghany mountains of Southwest Virginia. Here the people allow themselves to be taxed for public school purposes at possibly a higher rate than anywhere in the State. The result is that no city school of the State is better than theirs and few school buildings are comparable to that which they have erected for their children. The excellent work of this school is on exhibition in the Virginia Building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, where it has excited admiration and widespread comment.



ENGINEER KILLED FROM OWN NEGLIGENCE

Head-On Collision Between Two Freight Trains in Alabama.

(By Associated Press.) THOMASVILLE, GA., August 13.—At 11 o'clock Friday night, two freight trains on the Atlantic Coast Line met in a head-on collision at Elba Junction, Ala. The trains were a local, east-bound, and No. 211, through train. The wreck was caused by disregard of orders by the local's engineer, John McLaughlin, of Thomasville. He ran by the meeting point. The engines were locked together, and McLaughlin was instantly killed. The fireman was injured and two brakemen were bruised.

HAD GOOD SHOOT.

East End Club Spends Afternoon Smashing Clay Pigeons. There was a good crowd at the regular shoot of the East End Gun Club yesterday.

PLAYERS SAY FAREWELL.

Little Chip Makes a Speech in Response to Calls. The Wells-Dunne-Harlan Company, or so Richmonders prefer to call it, the Blou Musical Comedy Company, made its farewell appearance here last night. The organization plays in Norfolk and will disband after the Norfolk day night performance. The company has been together four years, and there is much regret among them that they must now separate.

OLD ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

This city was made from a rare photograph, presenting the rear view of the church, made especially interesting at this time as the site of the annex soon to be erected. The proposition to alter the historic old pile attracted the attention of the nation.

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